



# BY THE KING



**HARLES** by the grace of GOD, King of great Britanne, France, and Ireland:

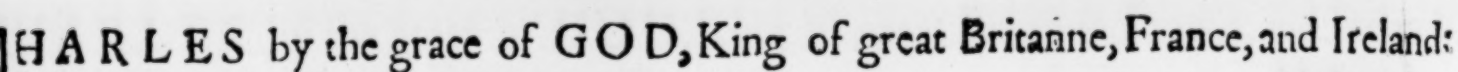
Defender of the Faith; &c. To Our Loveds,  
Our Shireffes in that part, conjunctlie and severallie speciallie constitute; greeting, Forasmekle, As WEE  
being willing to take a faire course with all such of Our loving Subjectes, as shall before the first daye  
of Januarie next to come, voluntarie renounce and over-giue any Erektion or other kind of disposition  
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Our Court for making the said Renunciation. And for furthering of all lawfull and just ends tending to the generall good of Our Sub-  
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Our right trustie Cousins and Counsellours, *John Earle of Marre*, Our Thesaurer, and *John Earle of Montrose*, President of our Coun-  
sell, Our right trustie Cousin the Earle of Menteith, and Our right trustie Cousins and Counsellours the Earles of Winton and Anner-  
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Lord *Tesler*. For the Cleargie, the right reverend fathers in God, and our welbeloved Counsellours, the Arch-bishops of S. Androes,  
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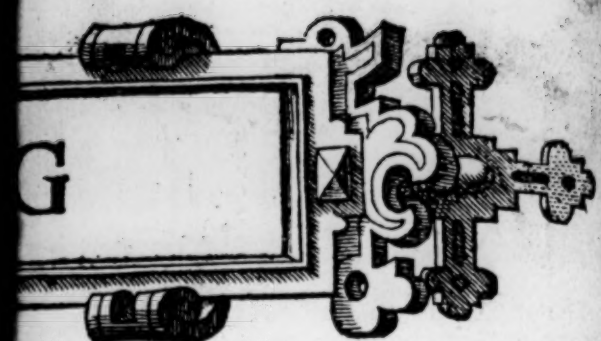
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Given at Our Court At Wunsted the eleventh day of Iuly, and of our Reigne the second yeare. 1646.

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